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# 12 Beauties Vie for Title

## Royalty Decision Friday

Torrance will have a new official queen Friday night, when the annual Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant will be held in the Civic auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Twelve young lovelies, ranging in age from 16 to 21, are competing for the honor. Judges will be Oscar Meinhardt, executive producer of the "Miss Universe" Beauty Pageant, and Barbara Blakeley, official beauty consultant to the "Miss Universe" beauty pageant.

At the same time, Anita Aros, lovely young violinist on the Spade Cooley show, will entertain the audience.

Contestants will be judged both in bathing suits and in evening clothes.

Loving cups will be presented to the five finalists, with the winner receiving a week-end trip to Las Vegas, staying at the Flamingo Hotel, and a free 16-week course in charm, personality, and modeling at Miss Blakeley's School of Charm and Modeling in Long Beach.

Special guests at the pageant will include Sandra Lea Constance, 1947 year's "Miss Torrance," this year's "Miss California" and a semi-finalist in the "Miss Universe" pageant.

Helene Heigh, New York and Hollywood actress seen on the "Meet Millie" and "My Favorite Husband" programs, will be stage director. Stage flowers will be provided by the Torrance Flower Shop, and bouquets by the Torrance HERALD.

Sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., Jack Heptig is chairman of the committee in charge. James Van Dyck, Charley Gotts, and Catherine Coleman are members of the committee.

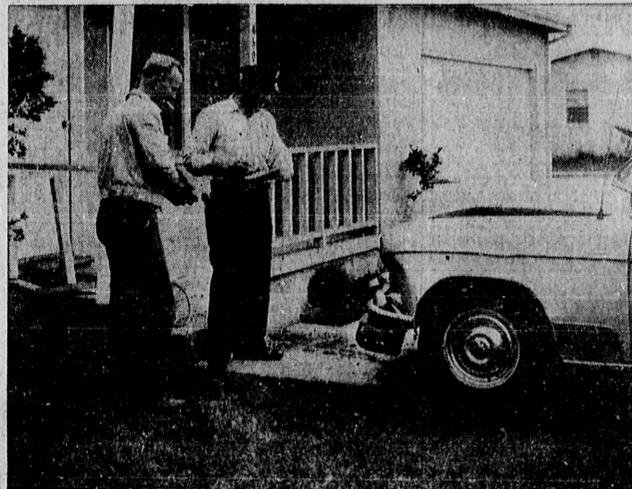
Tickets are \$1.

Competing for the queen title and their sponsors are:

- Beverly Bisbee, 16, Frank Furniture.
- Darleen Craig, 21, Torrance Flower Shop.
- Jo Ann Davie, 16, Sport Shop.
- Toni Forella, 16, Photo Art Studio.
- Jackie Gaida, 16, Lewellen Press.
- Shirlee Garner, 18, Torrance Mounted Police.
- Nancy LaDuke, 17, Torrance Optimist Club.
- Sue Mayers, 16, Verburg's Dairy.
- Donna McGary, 17, Catherine Coleman Charm Studio.
- Norma Quine, 17, Oscar Maple's Ford Agency.
- Shirley Salzman, 19, Sam Levy Department Store.
- Barbara Whitley, 17, Stadium Theater.

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**ABRUPT AWAKENING** . . . Dr. Lawrence P. Davis, of 4505 W. 226th St., received a ride awaking Sunday morning when this auto, driven by Dr. Gordon F. Schneider of Oceanaside, slammed into the front porch after jumping the curb. Dr. Schneider received facial injuries. He was treated at Harbor General Hospital and then transferred to Brentwood Hospital. Here Officer Myles Hamilton prepares to turn auto over to tow truck operator.

## 9 Persons Hurt In Area Crashes

Nine people received minor injuries last weekend in traffic accidents, as did a cafe, a house, a lawn, two telephone poles, and a street sign.

The Deep Sand Cafe, 23129 Arlington Ave., was damaged when a car driven by Claude Leroy Clowers, 21, Compton, struck a parked car, jumped the curb, and struck the front of the cafe. Clowers suffered facial injuries, and has been released from Harbor General Hospital.

Two doctors met as one drove right up to the front porch of another. Dr. Gordon F. Schneider, Oceanaside, apparently lost control of his car, and it jumped the curb and struck the front porch of Dr. Lawrence G. Davis Jr., 4505 W. 226th St. Schneider was taken to Brentwood Veterans Hospital for treatment.

Telephone Poles Hit Basilio Hernandez, 25, Wilmington, was thrown from his car and suffered minor injuries as his car struck a telephone pole near 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Another pole on Torrance Blvd. near Madrona was damaged by a car driven by Rubin Robert Ruiz, 22, 3701 Emerald Ave., who apparently fell asleep.

A street sign and lawn at 2004 Reynosa Dr. were damaged as Charles Sumner Joslyn Jr., 28, San Pedro, lost control of his car. A mother and son were slightly injured at Reynolds and Sepulveda in the collision of a car driven by Harley R. Rountree, 26, 1851 Lomita Blvd., and one driven by Martha Jean Ottina, 22, Culver City. Hurt were Rountree's wife and son, Margaret, 22, and Jerry Lee, 18 months.

Three persons were slightly injured and another shaken up when a car driven by Louis Chrisakis, 26, Los Angeles, collided with a house.

### Concert Planned By Youth Band

The Torrance Youth Band, under the direction of James Van Dyck, will be on hand at 2 p.m. this Sunday in the Torrance Park band shell for a one-hour free band concert.

Everyone has been invited to come out for a picnic lunch and at the same time enjoy a fine 50-piece band concert.

## Don't Dynamite Downtown--Isen

There should be no dynamiting of the downtown area in a scramble to attract large commercial developments to the city, Councilman Albert Isen warned here this week.

Giving his support to moves made earlier by Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr. to resurvey undeveloped property here and set aside parcels for commercial use, Isen said the providing of large tracts did not necessarily mean that millions would be invested.

"We should not neglect the downtown area," he warned. He suggested that a campaign to clean up, paint up, and modernize be coupled with an active "Shop in Downtown Torrance" drive to stimulate business development here.

### Gets Backing

Isen received a quick vote of confidence when he started getting into the parking situation. His motion that the Council proceed to survey the downtown area and designate the areas that should be purchased by an assessment district received the immediate support of the other councilmen. The Council as a whole will serve as a parking committee in this matter.

At the same time, City Attorney James Hall was given the authority to proceed with necessary preliminary work on formation of an assessment district downtown. He is to have a report ready at the next meeting.

In a downtown assessment district only those who owned property within the boundaries of the district would be assessed, the city attorney has pointed out.

Isen gave the councilmen the location of several downtown sites which might be available for off-street parking—including the property now under study as a possible site for a new mortuary.

## City Might Get Juvenile Hall

Harbor General Hospital might be the site of the proposed County Juvenile Hall if plans to build the structure at Rancho Los Amigos in Downey do not mature, according to L. S. Hollinger, assistant chief administrator for the county.

Harbor Hospital, along with the Downey site and Long Beach General Hospital, was originally considered as a site for the hall. Rancho Los Amigos has been selected, but protests from neighbors may force reconsideration. Plans for a zoning change will soon be placed before the Regional Planning Commission.

If the site were changed, Harbor Hospital and Long Beach Hospital would presumably be alternate sites for the \$1,900,000 structure.

## Kauffman Gets Approval for 500 New Homes

Plans for new home developments with a total value nearing \$10 million were given the final approval of the City Council here Tuesday evening.

Largest block of homes approved are those planned by the Milton Kauffman Construction Co. as part of that firm's 2500-home development now under way in West Torrance. Maps for tracts with a total of 509 homes were approved for Kauffman. Company spokesmen said yesterday that they could report nothing new on plans for 2500 more homes here.

Another large segment of the new homes will go in on the beach area where the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Co. received the city's final approval for two tracts totaling 186 homes. These homes will be constructed west of Hollywood Riviera on the former Louis B. Mayer property.

Other tracts approved by the Council call for homes to be built in North Torrance and near Hawthorne and Sepulveda. In other action of the Council, two more proposals for developments at the Torrance Municipal Airport were referred to the recently created Airport Commission for its recommendation. Offers to lease have been submitted for sites for a large restaurant and for a 20-unit motel.

### WEATHER

Slightly cooler—but only slightly—is the Weather Bureau prediction for today, which states that it should be mostly clear with some early morning fog near the coast.

Monday's high temperature in Torrance was 85 degrees and it was the same on Tuesday, with a slight dip to 82 yesterday. In Los Angeles, the mercury is expected to wane from yesterday's 91 to 88 degrees today.

## GOLD MEDAL GIVEN FOR EFFORT TO SAVE WORKER

Outstanding heroism in the face of a disaster at Union Oil Co. refinery last November has won Bobbie L. Phippen of 2352 W. 246th St. a gold medal from the American Petroleum Institute.

The Lomita man received the award yesterday noon at ceremonies at Union Oil Co. after the story of his bravery was recounted.

Phippen and another Harbor area resident, J. H. Butchett of 203 W. 232nd Pl., observed a fire in a tank truck driven by Hubert Snell. Braving the flames, he found Snell unconscious on the ground, his clothes ablaze. Phippen pulled the man to safety, extinguished his burning clothing, and carried him to the first aid station. The injured man died later but his rescuer's act of courage has lived on in Union Oil Co. annals.

## Flying Pair Hit London

The Flying Hampden Wentworths reached London safely Monday evening on the first leg of a 25,000-mile transcontinental business trip in their single-engine Beechcraft.

Wentworth, who is general manager of Longren Aircraft, and his wife, Christina, left Maine for England on Sunday morning—two days earlier than their previously scheduled starting time.

They flew by way of Newfoundland, Iceland and Scotland, and from London will continue their tour to Germany, Italy, Egypt, Spain and Palestine and return through France. They plan to be back by the end of August.

## County Plan to Demolish Alondra Park Homes Draws Mixed Emotions

Plans by the County Housing Authority to tear down a home project at the west end of Alondra Park drew mixed emotions from residents of the "temporary" homes this week.

Housewives in the project agree that the buildings are in poor shape, but hate to leave because of the rents, which run from \$30 per month for a single to \$45 for a three-bedroom apartment.

A committee of residents has been formed with the purpose of asking the county to extend the July 1, 1955, deadline one year so that they can pay their bills and save enough money to move into more expensive homes.

The Board of Supervisors has ordered plans for providing more recreational facilities and park space in the west end of Alondra Park for the benefit of approximately 40,000 nearby county residents.

### Found Unsafe

The "temporary" veteran's housing project, constructed for "war emergency" purposes seven years ago, has been inspected by the County Engineer and County Fire Department and does not meet building and safety requirements, according to their reports.

The Board of Supervisors has stated the "temporary housing



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